

**CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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**TITLE 5. EDUCATION****CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION****NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING****No Child Left Behind Teacher Requirements**

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The State Board of Education (State Board) proposes to adopt the regulations described below after considering all comments, objections, or recommendations regarding the proposed action.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The State Board will hold a public hearing beginning at **1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 9, 2003**, at 1430 N Street, Room 1101, Sacramento. The room is wheelchair accessible. At the hearing, any person may present statements or arguments, orally or in writing, relevant to the proposed action described in the Informative Digest. The State Board requests that any person desiring to present statements or arguments orally notify the Regulations Adoption Coordinator of such intent. The Board requests, but does not require, that persons who make oral comments at the hearing also submit a summary of their statements. No oral statements will be accepted subsequent to this public hearing.

**WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD**

Any interested person, or his or her authorized representative, may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action to the Regulations Adoption Coordinator. The written comment period ends at **5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 8, 2003**. The Board will consider only written comments received by the Regulations Adoption Coordinator or at the Board Office by that time (in addition to those comments received at the public hearing). Written comments for the State Board's consideration should be directed to:

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**AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE**

Authority: Section 12001, Education Code.

Reference: 20 USC 7801(23), 20 USC 6319(a) and Improving Teacher Quality State Grants Title II, Part A Non-Regulatory Draft Guidance December 19, 2002.

## **INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW**

Federal law under No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) requires that all teachers of core academic subjects meet the federal definition of “highly qualified teacher” no later than the end of the 2005-2006 school year. Schools that receive Title I funds are currently required to hire only teachers that meet the federal definition of “highly qualified teacher.” Core academic subjects include English, reading, language arts, mathematics, science, foreign languages, civics and government, economics, arts, history, and geography (NCLB Section 9101).

While federal law defines the requirements for “highly qualified teacher,” some details regarding how the definition is applied in each State must also be determined. Existing State law and these proposed regulations are intended to provide the detail necessary to meet the NCLB Teacher Requirements in California.

Specifically, these proposed regulations identify the “rigorous state test” that federal law requires each new to the profession elementary teacher pass, and outlines the “high objective uniform state standard evaluation” that can be used to qualify not new to the profession teachers as “highly qualified.” The proposed regulations also define several key phrases to assist school district in complying with the federal law.

## **DISCLOSURES REGARDING THE PROPOSED ACTION**

Mandate on local agencies and school districts: None

Cost or savings to any state agency: None

Costs to any local agency or school district which must be reimbursed in accordance with Government Code section 17561: None

Other non-discretionary cost or savings imposed on local educational agencies: None

Cost or savings in federal funding to the state: None

Significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states: None.

Cost impacts on a representative private person or businesses: The State Board is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

Adoption of these regulations will not:

- (1) create or eliminate jobs within California;
- (2) create new businesses or eliminate existing businesses within California; or
- (3) affect the expansion of businesses currently doing business within California.

Significant effect on housing costs: None.

Affect on small businesses: The regulations and proposed amendments have no affect on small businesses because they do not relate to small business practices or to interactions between school districts and small businesses.

## **CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES**

In accordance with Government Code section 11346.5(a)(13), the State Board must determine that no reasonable alternative it considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the State Board, would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action.

The State Board invites interested persons to present statements or arguments with respect to alternatives to the proposed regulations at the scheduled hearing or during the written comment period.

## **CONTACT PERSONS**

Inquiries concerning the substance of the proposed regulations should be directed to:

Tom Lugo, Administrator  
Professional Development Unit  
California Department of Education  
1430 N Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Telephone: (916) 323-6390

Requests for a copy of the proposed text of the regulations, the Initial Statement of Reasons, the modified text of the regulations, if any, or other technical information upon which the rulemaking is based or questions on the proposed administrative action may be directed to the Regulations Adoption Coordinator, or to the backup contact person, Najia Rosales, Analyst, at (916) 319-0584.

## **AVAILABILITY OF INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AND TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS**

The Regulations Adoption Coordinator will have the entire rulemaking file available for inspection and copying throughout the rulemaking process at her office at the above address. As of the date this notice is published in the Notice Register, the rulemaking file consists of this notice, the proposed text of the regulations, and the initial statement of reasons. A copy may be obtained by contacting the Regulations Adoption Coordinator at the above address.

## **AVAILABILITY OF CHANGED OR MODIFIED TEXT**

Following the public hearing and considering all timely and relevant comments received, the State Board may adopt the proposed regulations substantially as described in this notice. If the State Board makes modifications which are sufficiently related to the originally proposed text, the modified text (with changes clearly indicated) will be available to the public for at least 15 days before the State Board adopts the regulations as revised. Requests for copies of any modified regulations should be sent to the attention of the Regulations Adoption Coordinator at the address indicated above. The State Board will accept written comments on the modified regulations for 15 days after the date on which they are made available.

## **AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS**

Upon its completion, a copy of the Final Statement of Reasons may be obtained by contacting the Regulations Adoption Coordinator at the above address.

## **AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS ON THE INTERNET**

Copies of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the Initial Statement of Reasons, the text of the regulations in underline and strikeout, and the Final Statement of Reasons, can be accessed through the California Department of Education's website at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/regulations>.